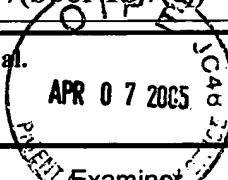


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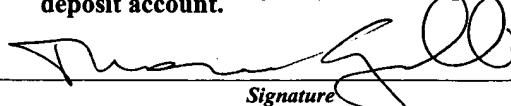
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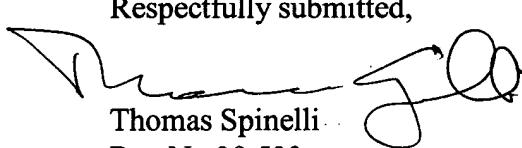

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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-328156, dated December 15, 1998, together with English-language Abstract; and
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